

September ... October



News 2026

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Dear Members

The 2026 Autumn / Winter term has started extremely well with all groups returning positively at the beginning of September. We have had new members joining our U3A throughout the summer. Talk Time has been well attended and there is a positive buzz around the Civic and groups. Thanks once again to all who continue to contribute to our smooth running.

Nominations for Committee have now closed, prior to the AGM taking place on Monday, 19th October at Alsager Civic @ 11.15am with **COMPLIMENTARY** coffee/tea and biscuits beforehand.

Membership Renewals for 2027 will start from **Monday, 26th October, 2026** following the AGM the week before. Renewals will be on line and there will be help to do this in the Civic on a Monday morning. The alternative is to pay by card on a Monday morning.

Future Planning: As always, we need to plan for the future smooth running of our U3A. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining the Committee and perhaps preparing for a role of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary then please get in touch.

***We do need more help for the kitchen and also The Help and Membership Desk.
Please consider if this is something that you may be able to help with.***

A.G.M.

**Advance Notice :: Our 29th AGM will take place on
Monday 19th October – 11.15am, Alsager Civic.
WE NEED over 90 members to be quorate.**





As you will all know Alsager & District U3A
has an Orchestra Group
The Alsager Light Orchestra

They are always interested to hear from new members who have a good musical skill base and who miss being part of a productive orchestra.

They play mostly light music from films and shows, working towards concert level.

There are vacancies but the Orchestra is particularly looking for violin players.

You will be expected to bring your own instrument and a music stand.

If you are interested, please look at their web site: <https://alsagerlightorchestra.co.uk/>

Details are there but, in a nutshell, the Orchestra meets on a Tuesday 2 - 4pm at the Social Club in Alsager: Longview Avenue, Alsager, ST7 2EA

If you are interested please e-mail:

Contact@alsagerlightorchestra.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you...



Travel

The Hallé Orchestra - Viennese New Year

Saturday 9th January, 2027

Price : £48.00

WAITLIST ONLY

The Hallé Orchestra - Elvis: Viva Las Vegas

Saturday, 21st November, 2026



Get all shook up by the King of Rock and Roll with a spectacular performance by Lee Memphis King, Europe's most successful Elvis tribute artist.

From 'Heartbreak Hotel' to 'Suspicious Minds', hear hit after hit just as they're meant to sound. Lee's shockingly accurate vocals and sparkling charisma make him the perfect candidate to step into Elvis's blue suede shoes.

This show brings to life Elvis's Vegas years, with the artist's biggest and best songs performed in dazzling costumes and backed by full orchestra.

PLEASE CALL INTO ALSAGER CIVIC ON A MONDAY MORNING IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN "GETTING ALL SHOOK UP" BY THE KING OF ROCK AND ROLL

PRICE APPROX. £58.00

Please note that outings are available only to members of Alsager & District U3A

Groups

Card Making 2

VACANCIES



*Have you ever fancied being able to make your own decorative cards?
If so, Card Making 2 is for you and has a vacancy.*

**The group meets every Monday at Alsager Community Church
Hall from 11.05am - 12.30pm.**

This is an extremely social group and has been together positively for many years. Each group member brings their own equipment to the meeting and takes away a card at the end of each session. Members keep in touch regularly and also go out for coffee to local cafes.

Please contact Audrey Poole on 01270 875471 if you would like to join this friendly group

Yoga 2

VACANCIES

There are still vacancies if you fancy trying Yoga. Yoga promotes flexibility and core strength, building through gentle exercise. Strives to improve balance, practices breath control and relaxation, while enjoying a pleasant hour with friends.



Yoga 2 meets every Thursday at Dennis Round Court from 12.00noon – 1.00pm.

Please contact JEAN STEER – 07811411169 if you would like to join this new Yoga group.

A few Fun Facts about September & October



1. The name "September" comes from the Latin word "septem," meaning seven, as it was originally the seventh month in the Roman calendar.
2. The harvest moon occurs during the full moon nearest to the autumn equinox, which can fall in either September or October.
3. The aurora borealis (Northern Lights) is often more visible in September due to longer, clearer nights.



4. The annual Cooper's Hill Cheese Rolling event was traditionally held in September before moving to May.
5. The devastating 9/11 terrorist attacks occurred on September 11, 2001, forever changing the course of history.
6. Two Zodiac signs represent the month of October. If you were born between October 1st and 22nd, you're a Libra. Libras are known to be calm and balanced with impeccable taste. Born between October 23rd and 31st? You're a Scorpio. Scorpions are known to be passionate and magnetic with a strong will.
7. The opal is the birthstone of October. It is the only birthstone that isn't crystalized and can take on many shapes and colours. It was also a favourite of Cleopatra.

8. The flower that has come to represent October is the [calendula](#) or marigold. When we see this bright yellowy-orange flower we think of the fall sunset and the changing leaves.
9. The Anglo-Saxons had a different name for October, calling it Wintirfylith. This name refers to October having the first full moon of the winter season.
In early Germanic, October was known as Weinmond, meaning wine month. This must have been before [Oktoberfest!](#)
10. We've come to the October fact you have been were expecting! October is known as the spookiest month on the year. Many people celebrate the creepy, frightening, dark, and macabre throughout all of October. October is seen as a lead up to All Hallows Eve aka Halloween on October 31^s



A big thank you

to all our members who came and supported
Alsager & District U3A at the

Alsager Health and Wellbeing Event

Which was run by Cheshire East Council

We are pleased to say that the event generated a really good attendance.

Do you fancy a bit of a Quiz

Round 3a Science and Nature – Answers

41. What gas do plants primarily absorb from the atmosphere? **Carbon dioxide (CO₂)**
42. How many bones are in the human body? **206**
43. What planet is known as the Red Planet? **Mars**
44. What is the boiling point of water in degrees Celsius? **100°C**
45. Which animal is known as the “King of the Jungle”? **Lion**
46. What is the hardest natural substance on Earth? **Diamond**
47. What is the process by which plants make their own food using sunlight? **Photosynthesis**
48. How many planets are in our solar system? **Eight**
49. Which blood type is considered the universal donor? **O negative**
50. What is the largest mammal in the world? **Blue whale**



Round 3b Science and Nature

51. What is the name of the force that keeps us grounded on Earth?
52. What type of animal is a Komodo dragon?
53. Which vitamin is known as the sunshine vitamin?
54. What is the smallest particle of an element?
55. What is the main gas found in the air we breathe?
56. What is the chemical symbol for oxygen?
57. Which bird is known for its ability to mimic sounds, including human speech?
58. What is the tallest type of grass?
59. How many legs does a spider have?
60. Which is the only continent where polar bears are found in the wild?



SAVE THE DATE !!

We are pleased to confirm that once again Cancer Research UK will be attending Alsager Civic on **Monday 2nd November** when you will be able to purchase your Christmas Cards and other festive goodies.

Please support this worthwhile Charity

Talk Time

OCTOBER 2026 DETAILS

05 October	Roger Blaxall	<i>Hold the Front Page</i>
12 October	Mervyn Edwards	<i>Grandma's Pantry (Nostalgia)</i>
19 October	AGM :	No Talk Time
26 October	Ant Collins	<i>Scams and Fraud (2)</i>

NOVEMBER 2026 DETAILS

02 November	Brian Iag	<i>Show Business</i>
09 November	Rossignol	<i>Old Music on even older Instruments</i>
16 November	Neil Hanson	<i>The Inn at the Top</i>
23 November	Philip Heaton	<i>The Signs of the Zodiac - An introduction into Astrology</i>

DON'T FORGET – PLEASE PAY BY CARD RATHER THAN CASH

Music Appreciation :: Autumn Term 2026

An informal recorded music group listening to and discussing each other's CDs etc on fine equipment, often with an informative talk on composer biographies, artist profiles and u3a members own stories. Expect a diverse mix of jazz, folk, musical theatre and film music, as well as more classical symphonic and opera favourites, reflecting members' own interests.

Many find these weekly Monday morning meetings help to develop their appreciation of music and the recorded repertoire. As well as being a stimulating start to the week, lasting friendships are made.

Monday mornings in the Civic main hall at 9am for 9:15 am start

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05 October	"The Jazz Era"	<i>John Edser</i>
12 October	"Creatures"	<i>Janet Hall</i>
19 October	"Location, Location"	<i>Liz Rogers</i>
26 October	"Random"	<i>Members' CD Choice</i>

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09 November	"Musicals"	<i>Joan Stratton</i>
16 November	"Franz Schubert. A Life in Music"	<i>Colin Wright</i>

10.45 finish in good time for coffee and Talk Time.

Kind Regards – David Gaston (Chair)